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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An image processing method performed by an image supply device storing image data and an image output device operable to perform a print operation in which an object corresponding to the image data is printed, which are connected via a communication path through which the image data is communicated, the method comprising:

transmitting, from the image output device to the image supply device, a first information item specifying a plurality of objects allocated in a single page layout;

storing the first information item in the image supply device;

transmitting, from the image output device to the image supply device, a failure notification when the print operation of the single page layout is interrupted under a condition that at least one of the objects is not completely printed;

generating, at the image supply device based on the stored first information item when the failure notification is received, a second information item including:

a first script configured to resume the interrupted print operation; and

a second script specifying one of the objects which is which was first printed by the image output device in the single page layout of the interrupted print operation;

transmitting the second information item from the image supply device to the image output device; and

resuming the interrupted print operation from the one of the objects specified by the second script,

wherein at least a part of the first information item and at least a part of the second information item are described by a markup language language, and

wherein the objects are independent image files.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The image processing method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the first information item is transmitted only in a case where the print operation is interrupted.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The image processing method as set forth in claim 24,

wherein the first information item is transmitted every time a page break occurs during the

print operation.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The image processing method as set forth in claim 24,

wherein the first information item includes at least one of a path information item indicating

where image data corresponding to the object is stored in the image supply device and a

number information item indicating how many times the object is to be supplied to the image

output device repetitively.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The image processing method as set forth in claim 28,

wherein the number information item is corrected so as to indicate a remained number of the

repetitive supply of the image data, in a case where a page break occurs during the supply of

the image data.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The image processing method as set forth in claim 24,

further comprising:

detecting, at the image output device, that the print operation is interrupted;

transmitting, as the first information item, a third script indicating that the print

operation is interrupted;

detecting, at the image output device, that the interrupted print operation is resumed;

and

transmitting, as the first information item, a fourth script indicating that the

interrupted print operation is resumed.

Claims 31-35 (Canceled).

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Claim 36 (Currently Amended): An image processing method performed by an image supply device storing image data and adapted to be connected to an image output device operable to perform a print operation in which an object corresponding to the image data is printed, the method comprising:

receiving, from the image output device, a first information item specifying a plurality of objects allocated in a single page layout;

storing the first information item;

generating, based on the stored first information item when a failure notification indicating that the print operation of the single page layout is interrupted under a condition that at least one of the objects is not completely printed is received, a second information item including:

a first script configured to resume the interrupted print operation; and a second script specifying one of the objects which is which was first printed by the image output device in the single page layout of the interrupted print operation; and transmitting, to the image output device, the second information item, wherein: at least a part of the first information item and at least a part of the second information item are described by a markup language; and

the failure notification indicates that the print operation is interrupted under a condition that at least one of the objects is not completely printed

the objects are independent image files.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): An image processing method performed by an image output device adapted to be connected to an image supply device storing image data, and operable to perform a print operation in which an object corresponding to the image data is printed, the method comprising:

transmitting, to the image output device, a first information item specifying a plurality of objects allocated in a single page layout;

transmitting, to the image output device, a failure notification when the print operation of the single page layout is interrupted under a condition that at least one of the objects is not completely printed;

receiving, from the image supply device in response to the failure notification, a second information item including:

a first script configured to resume the interrupted print operation; and a second script specifying one of the objects which is which was first printed in the single page layout of the interrupted print operation; and

resuming the interrupted print operation from the <u>specified</u> one of the objects specified by the second <u>script</u> <u>based on the second information item</u>;

wherein at least a part of the first information item and at least a part of the second information item are described by a markup <u>language</u> <u>language</u>, <u>and</u>

wherein the objects are independent image files.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): An image supply device, operable to store image data and adapted to be connected to an image output device operable to perform a print operation in which an object corresponding to the image data is printed, the image supply device comprising a communication controller configured to execute the image processing method as set forth in claim 36.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): An image output device adapted to be connected to an image supply device storing image data, and operable to perform a print operation in which an object corresponding to the image data is printed, the image output device comprising a communication controller configured to execute the image processing method as set forth in claim 37.